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I-17 Improvements from Phoenix to Flagstaff Featured at Open Houses April 22 and 24

PHOENIX—Valley residents will have an opportunity to learn about major improvements to Interstate 17 from Phoenix to Flagstaff – including planned projects and those currently under construction north of Loop 101 – during open houses hosted April 22 and 24 by the Arizona Department of Transportation.

The meetings will be held:

April 22 from 6-8 p.m.

**Sandra Day O'Connor High School - Cafeteria
25250 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix**

April 24 from 6-8 p.m.

**Boulder Creek High School – Cafeteria
40404 N. Gavilan Peak Pkwy., Anthem**

A presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by an open house where the public can meet with ADOT design and construction staff to discuss the projects.

Improvements currently under construction on I-17 north of the Loop 101 include widening the freeway to Carefree Highway (State Route 74) and constructing new traffic interchanges in several locations to improve access to I-17 and the future Loop 303. These projects are scheduled to be complete next year. An additional widening project from Carefree Highway to Anthem Way is scheduled to begin in 2009 and be complete in 2010.

In addition, ADOT recently initiated a study of potential future capacity improvements on I-17 from the split at Interstate 10 to Loop 101.

Improvements to I-17 in Maricopa County are included in the 2004 voter-approved, 20-year Regional Transportation Plan as part of a comprehensive program of diverse transportation improvements throughout the Valley.

Other I-17 improvements north of Maricopa County are also planned or currently being studied, including projects designed to increase traffic capacity from New River to Flagstaff.

For more information about I-17 improvements, visit ADOT's I-17 Web page at www.azdot.gov/valleyfreeways or call 480-890-0012.

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